



Cruiseport BOSTON Fact Sheet

- ★ The Port of Boston has been a vital transportation and economic resource for New England since the 17th century.
- ★ The Black Falcon Cruise Terminal (BFCT) is New England's largest international cruise terminal.
- ★ The Black Falcon Cruise Terminal was named after the Black Falcon cargo ship that caught fire in 1953 causing nine longshoremen to lose their lives.
- ★ In 1985, the BFCT Terminal was opened and 13 cruise vessels carrying a total of 11,723 passengers called Boston.
- ★ 94 cruise vessels called the BFCT during the 2003 season and 97 vessels called the BFCT during the 2004 season. 100 vessels are scheduled to call Boston in 2005.
- ★ Boston continues to grow in popularity as a cruise destination and as a port of embarkation for Bermuda, Canada/New England, Caribbean and Transatlantic.
- ★ In 2005, for the first time, the BFCT will offer regular cruising from Boston to the Caribbean.
- ★ More than fifteen different cruise lines call Boston with port of call visits and embarkations. Boston is homeport to three cruise lines: Norwegian Cruise Line, Holland America Line and Royal Caribbean Line.
- ★ Massachusetts is ninth in the nation for cruise industry expenditures and accounted for \$325 million in direct spending.
- ★ On average 2000 passengers will pass through the BFCT when a ship is in port.
- ★ Each passenger generates between \$500-\$1,500 for the local economy.
- ★ The cruise season at Boston's BFCT runs from April through October.

